

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/527,044

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Terminal Disclaimer 2/06/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-7, 11-12, 15-16, 22, and 26 (now 1-12).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 12/29/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 02282006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1, 3-7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 22, 26 and 29 are currently pending.

Claims 2, 8-10, 13, 14, 17-21, 23-25, 27 and 28 were cancelled.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

Applicant's information disclosure statement (IDS), filed on 12/29/2005, has been considered. Please refer to Applicant's copies of the 1449 submitted herewith.

#### ***Restriction Requirement***

The restriction requirement is withdrawn. However, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter.

#### ***Double Patenting***

Claims 1, 8, 12, 13-16, 22 and 26 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over US Application No. 10/497,452 (sic). The rejections have been overcome by the filing of a terminal disclaimer on 2/06/2006 and are therefore withdrawn.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims 15, 16, 22 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. As a result of the amendment filed 1/24/06, which deleted "prevention" and "prophylactically effective amount," the rejection is withdrawn.

#### ***Examiner's Amendment***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

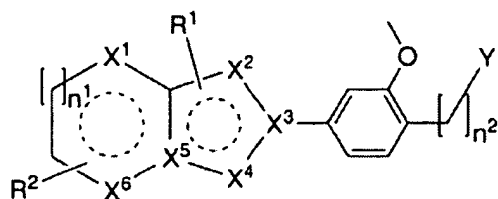
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given during a telephone interview with Attorney David Rubin on March 6, 2006.

This application has been amended as follows:

1. Cancel claim 29.

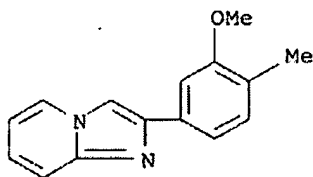
### ***Reasons For Allowance***

The instant invention is drawn to compounds of Formula (I),



, pharmaceutical compositions comprising compounds of Formula (I), and methods of treating pain comprising administering a compound of formula (I).

The closest relevant art is Nakatsuka et al, JP 2001-035664, which discloses the



compound (see Nakatsuka et al., STN International (2005)

HCAPLUS Database, Accession No. 2001:98819, Reg. No. 324741-44-8). The compounds of the instant invention differ from Nakatsuka et al, because the phenyl group in the instant invention is substituted with n<sup>2</sup>-Y, wherein Y is heteroaryl, rather than a methyl group.

***Telephone Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew B. Freistein whose telephone number is (571) 272-8515. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Kane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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